GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2498
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SETTING UP OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS INSTITUTE FOR JAIL ADMINISTRATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Administrative Reforms Institute with the assistance of the Bureau of Police Research & Development for improving the quality of jail administration in the country;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the total funds allocated/utilised for this purpose during each of the last three years;

(c) the number of cases of inaction, irregularities and corruption against the jail administration brought to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year till date, State/Union Territory-wise;

(d) whether incident of digging of a tunnel in various jails including in Uttar Pradesh has come to light recently; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government against the guilty jail administration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Prisons is a State subject under list II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. Prison management and administration is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. This data is not maintained centrally.

(d) & (e): In the recent past, the incident of digging of a tunnel in Meerut Jail has come to light. On the basis of a preliminary enquiry, the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has suspended 4 warders, 1 Head Warder and 1 Deputy Jailor. A show cause notice has also been served on the Jailor and Deputy Inspector General of Prisons. The magisterial enquiry has been completed and is under consideration of the State Government.

The Union Government from time to time has been advising the State Governments and Union Territories to strengthen the security in jails and take all precautionary measures in this regard.